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For: **"METHODS FOR SLOWING THE
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Madame:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2002, please consider the Amendment and Remarks that follow. Enclosed is a Request for a One Month Extension of Time thereby extending the due date to May 6, 2002. The \$110.00 payment for this Extension of Time is enclosed in Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

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